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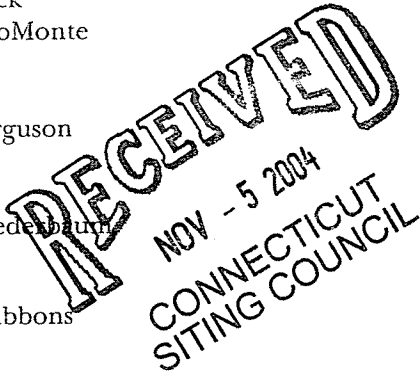
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November 4, 2004

Ms. Pamela B. Katz, Chairman  
State of Connecticut  
Connecticut Siting Council  
10 Franklin Square  
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Docket No. 272 - Connecticut Light & Power Company and United Illuminating Company  
Application for a New 345-kV Electric Transmission Line Between Scovill Rock  
Switching Station in Middletown and Norwalk Substation in Norwalk

Dear Chairman Katz:

On behalf of the Town of Westport, I would like to take this opportunity to respond to the Council's request for comments on the appropriateness of taking administrative notice of the transcript from the technical conference of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") which took place in Hartford on October 13, 2004 (FERC Docket No. PL04-14-000).

Westport endorses the position taken by the Attorney General as set forth in the October 29, 2004 letter from Assistant Attorney General Michael C. Wertheimer to you. In that letter, the Attorney General concluded that the Council should not take formal administrative notice of the transcript. Without restating the well-reasoned opinion expressed therein, it is respectfully submitted that the potential violations of the Administrative Procedures Act in so doing combined with the inherent lack of "indicia of reliability" required of evidence proffered to the Council, strongly militate against such action. The lack of the opportunity for cross-examination, which has been so informative in this Docket, was completely lacking at the conference which was not designed to be an adversary proceeding.

The Town of Westport further endorses the positions take in Attorney David Ball's letter to you dated October 29, 2004, filed on behalf of the Towns of Woodbridge, Milford, Orange and Cheshire.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eugene E. Cederbaum". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

Eugene E. Cederbaum

cc: Hon. Diane Goss Farrell  
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